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In re Application of: Gregory E. Sancoff et al.  
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Filing Date: 12/11/2001  
Title: SURGICAL SUTURING INSTRUMENT  
AND METHOD OF USE

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Attorney's Docket No.: ONUX-4 CON

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS - FILING DATE GRANTED mailed January 2, 2002 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from March 2, 2002 to May 2, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$200.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Small Entity status.

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In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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